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(Lady Osler to Mrs Revere)

Hotel Continental, Paris.

Monday, Oct 2nd 5.30 PM (1905)

Dearest Mother

Your letter of Sept 22nd came as I was leaving home Saturday. The Campania made an unusual passage and got in Friday - I was glad to hear the gloves had arrived and were a fit. Do you like those heavy gloves? I got them in Oxford. I thought they were warm for the winter. If you want more tell me the number please. They are very inexpensive for good gloves. Your letter enclosed Mrs Worcester's - It was awfully sad about Dora Thayer. Willie knew she had been in a bad mental condition. We have seen the Douglas Thomas here and heard of Dr Chadwicks death. They simply had a telegram saying he was dead but expect news Wednesday, not the daughter Mrs Thomas but the mother-in-law. Well Mam - now I will tell you what we have been doing. W O and W F went to town early Saturday as the former wanted to trot the latter about and introduce him to some of his friends connected with the Hospital he is to work at. I went up at 11 - stopped at the dressmakers for my dress but it was not done and I came off without it. The unfortunate dress has been a failure from the beginning - I really don't know what I shall do as there is no one in Oxford to make my clothes and it is such a bore to go to London. We had luncheon and left London at 2.20. We had a good crossing to Boulogne and reached here at 10.30 (late). Found Dr Jacobs waiting for us as he could not get us rooms in the house with them we are next door and very comfortable. Paris is packed to overflowing - and with Americans mostly. I never saw anything like it. The weather is atrocious - cold, grey and showery - but for the first time I am not boiled in Paris - The Jacobs are rather wrecks. The cure they took did not agree with them and they seem feeble. They have a beautiful motor. Mrs J- has a dreadful cold and can't go out so we have the motor all the time with Dr Jacobs. Yesterday we were out all the morning. We dined with the Jacobs last Eve - also Mary Davis and one Dr Norton - such a cosey Evening. We met innumerable Baltimorians at Tea yesterday afternoon at a fashionable restaurant we went to - and today have been at the Ritz at Tea with Mrs J M Thompson of Baltimore and about 10 others including Dr Baltzell. I went to the opening of the Tuberculosis Congress today - Lady Broadhart of London & I sat together & were much interested - The President of the Republic was there and spoke so well.

Tuesday 3rd.

I was interrupted yesterday and have come now to finish We are lunching with the American Ambassador tomorrow Mr McCormick

It is a lovely day - clear & cold. I am really enjoying it and not bothering about clothes. I want to get a hat but haven't seen anything suitable for me yet. They all cock up and are very tiny or perfectly huge.

Last evening we dined with Dr Norton and then went to a ball in this Hotel given by the President of the Congress - It was very amusing - W.O is lunching out. I have been all the morning at the Bon Marché Goodness what a change! America has improved so and we are so used to lovely things that the Bon Marché things look absolutely ordinary -

Dorothy & Mrs Tom Sturgis are coming for tea with us today - Tell Ned I got him lovely socks today. We have good news from Oxford. I think we will go back Friday - This must go - so farewell

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Grace.